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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Once employed, unless they commit mistakes, they will be there permanently."

House-sites for Arundhateeyas in West Godavari.

* 396 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received the resolution of the Eluru Municipal Council expressing its inability to bear the cost of acquisition of house-sites for the Arundhateeyas of Lankapeta, Eluru town, West Godavari district ;

(*b*) whether the Government received any representations from the Arundhateeyas requesting the Government to take up the acquisition in view of the inability of the municipality and as they are threatened with eviction any moment ; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Government received a copy of the council's resolution requesting Government to purchase the necessary site from the Harijan Fund and to allot the same to the Harijans. Government asked the municipal council to apply for a loan for the scheme.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether due to the non-applicability of the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act to areas which are within the municipal limits, the Government will consider the desirability of proposing certain amendments to the Land Acquisition Act so that it may be applied to areas within the municipal limits also?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Harijans in urban areas are considered to have been earning well. Acquisition is necessary only in rural parts. So, the policy requires some change and that will be considered."

Transfer of the Municipal Commissioner, Bhimlipatnam.

* 397 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were received by the Government from the Municipal Council, Bhimlipatnam (Visakhapatnam district), between October 1952 and January 1953 demanding the transfer of the Municipal Commissioner, Bhimlipatnam ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Municipal Commissioner concerned has been transferred, as he was nearing the term of three years."

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SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know the reasons for which the Municipal Council had been pressing for his transfer? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" He was transferred because he was nearing his term of three years."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister give us an assurance that wherever there are undesirable Commissioners according to the Municipal Councils, the Government will be prepared to take immediate action? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a general question."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Sir, my previous question has not been answered at all. My question was, what were the reasons for the Municipal Council to pass an unanimous resolution that the Commissioner should be transferred? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I want notice, Sir."

Representations from the pavement dwellers.

* 398 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received recently any representation from the pavement dwellers in the city ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken a census of the total number of homeless Harijans using the pavements and platforms in the City?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the grounds allotted for pavement dwellers in Korukkupetta are being occupied by the Corporation servants and will the Government constitute a committee to look into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I am not aware, Sir. But as suggested by the hon. Member we will certainly make enquiries."

Amenities to the pavement dwellers.

* 399 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have got statistics of the number of pavement dwellers in the City of Madras at present ; and

(*b*) the amenities provided for them by the Government?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The Government have not so far provided amenities to the pavement dwellers in the City of Madras. But the